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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Present: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Bissell, Colonel White,
Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Helms, Mr. Barnes (part of meeting),
Mr. Sheldon (part of meeting), Mr. Kent (part of meeting),
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MR. DULLES:

a. Reported that the members of the Taylor Committee had met with the President yesterday and discussed its findings and conclusions. The Director said that at the President's request there would only be one copy of the report which is to remain in the White House. Mr. Bissell strongly recommended that the Director attempt to obtain a copy of the report for our files and suggested possibly the President would agree to placing this copy in a special file in the White House to be released to CIA after a period of six months to a year. Mr. Bissell also commented that in all probability it would be better for the Agency not to immediately have a copy in its possession since if there are any leaks, we could not be blamed. He also added that in his opinion it is most important that the Agency eventually have a copy of this report since it contains the most complete and best first-hand information on the Cuban program -- particularly since the information contained therein was furnished at a time when it was fresh in the minds of all those concerned with the operation.

b. Noted an article in today's Washington Post stating that CIA documents had been anonymously forwarded to the U. S. Embassy in Rome, and commented this was the first he had heard that the documents in question are of CIA origin. Mr. Helms stated this was a surprise to him too since reports received from Rome gave no indication of the origin of the documents, ~~and in fact even indicated that they originated from the U. S. Army.~~ [REDACTED]

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c. Noted a State cable specifically prohibiting CIA from engaging in what appears to be an authorized Agency operation, and asked DD/P to take this matter up with the Department of State.

MR. SHELDON:

Reported that the State Department has apparently instituted a new system regarding papers outlining U. S. policy toward individual foreign governments. He said this procedure is based on an internal State memo issued by Under Secretary Bowles and provides that views on such policy may be obtained direct from the various interested U. S. Government agencies. He said he was concerned about the fact that several of his people had been asked for comment on a policy paper pertaining to India and he assumed in due course DD/P would receive similar requests. Mr. Sheldon pointed out that such a procedure lends itself to obtaining divergent views from the Agency due to a lack of coordination. He also reported that Mr. Bowles is desirous of bringing up to date the various country plans and therefore we can expect numerous requests for comment. He said insofar as CIA is concerned, he strongly recommended that the Agency establish some kind of procedure whereby State receives a fully coordinated response. Mr. Bissell noted that there had been a brief mention made of this new State procedure at one of the Tuesday Luncheons that he attends and undertook, at the Director's request, to raise the problems it is creating at the next regularly scheduled Tuesday Luncheon. In the meantime the Director approved the suggestion that individuals receiving requests for views on a given area respond direct until such time as Mr. Bissell is able to determine State's wishes in this matter.

MR. KIRKPATRICK:

a. Stated in view of Congressional pressure, he hoped nothing would prevent our evacuation of the air base at [] by 1 July 1961. Mr. Bissell commented he saw no reason this date could not be met.

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b. Stated he did not feel it necessary to spend approximately [] to obtain copies of former Ambassador Hill's testimony before the Congress since it was an open session.

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c. Noted that the next meeting of the President's Board would be held on 30 June and July 1 and 2. However, at the moment he had not been advised whether it would be necessary for the Director to be present. Mr. Dulles noted his intention of being in the city during this period in order to be available if the Board wishes him to be present for any of its meetings.

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d. Stated [] continues to write letters to high government officials notwithstanding our instructions that any such letters pertaining to the activities of the Agency must be passed through the proper channels. He said he felt the time has come to separate []

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[] The Director approved. Action: DD/P

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